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Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were tight to fully adequate with the lighter weights in the most available position. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for sufficient to short offerings. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Institutional movement was mostly moderate to at times good. Supplies were tight to well balanced for the larger sizes and adequate to becoming more available for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand continued good as breakers find offerings tight to short of current needs with bids at higher values in an attempt to secure additional product. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	64-68
LARGE	61-69	62-67
MEDIUM	50-58	53-55

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

LARGE	44-48
MEDIUM	33-35
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient to instances short for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal for next week. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as regular for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-80	70-73
LARGE	62-77	68-69
MEDIUM	52-67	57-59

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned and loose egg sales ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were tight to well balanced for the larger sizes and adequate to becoming more available for medium. Light type hen supplies easily covered slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70.5-79	72-73
LARGE	66.5-74	68-69
MEDIUM	53.5-60	55-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to at times short for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-76	70-73
LARGE	59-74	68-71
MEDIUM	52.5-60	53-57

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	64-68

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to instances good, best where features are a factor. Offerings adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-73
LARGE	65-71
MEDIUM	54-60

**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, unchanged to 1 cent lower on extra large, large, and medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large, large, medium, and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 69. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 179.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	112
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	89

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	92-102
EXTRA LARGE	90-98
LARGE	88-91
MEDIUM	76-79

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319
LARGE	219-229
MEDIUM	199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Demand continued good as breakers find offerings tight to short of current needs with bids at higher values in an attempt to secure additional product. Many processors were shying away from spot trading and concentrating on contractual concerns. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	47-49
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	31-36
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand was moderate, but most buyers were unaggressive as offerings were usually sufficient to instances short from regular commitments. Overall, floor stocks were short to adequate for normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 31 May 2003 decreased 8 % when compared the previous week, although was 9% higher than the same week a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	39-45	40-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-38	28-32
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

	W/E 31-May-03					
	(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,085,855	27,488	9,555	5,427	2,293	3,751
PW	1,165,269	29,906	9,832	5,327	2,483	4,147
LY	1,147,204	26,937	11,564	6,277	2,809	4,013
% CHG PW	-7	-8	-3	2	-8	-10
% CHG LY	-5	2	-17	-14	-18	-7
2003	24,722,559	602,996	225,251	124,293	50,532	90,903
2002	25,463,983	589,654	253,255	136,022	61,212	91,705
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-11	-9	-17	-1
	CURRENT			PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK			WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.57			42.23	42.53	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.11			38.67	39.03	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 52 to 57 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk and steady to instances fully steady for whites. Offerings were tight for whole egg as sellers await market adjustments and attempt to find enough breaking stock to fulfill needs. Yolk and white offerings were seen as usually adequate. Demand continued good to very good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good for whites. Salt yolk was seen as rallying with potential sellers asking sharply higher values for yolk for future deliveries. Breaking stock prices were higher. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 06 June, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

	CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		8	40.5-42.5	41.56	2.42
WHITES		23	28-35.5	29.35	.02
YOLKS		17	53-58	55.12	3.62

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were higher when compared to previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whole and steady to fully steady on the balance. Demand was moderate. Offerings were irregular but usually adequate for trade needs. However, supplies were clearing. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 31 May 2003 were 6% less than the previous week, however 14% higher than a year ago.

	LTL WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)		
	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	47-53	51-53	59-64
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		66-85
WHITES	36-45	41-44	46-53
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-73	71-72	75-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-70	67-70	71-90

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** All frozen prices were higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for all products with whole egg and salted yolk in the strongest position. Offerings were closely balanced to adequate for whole egg and generally adequate on the balance of products. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and salted yolk with the remainder of products rated as fairly good to instances good. A few processors were having additional salt yolk co-packed by outside companies. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	52-53	
WHITES	42-45	44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-73	71-72
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-70	68-70

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 3 cents higher on whole and whites, 2 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/31 was 10% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	58-61	
WHITES	48-51	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-78	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75	

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were higher to sharply higher when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on albumen, at least steady on whole, and improving on yolks. Supplies were tight and held with confidence on white, about adequate on whole, and usually sufficient on yolks. Demand was moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 31 May 2003 were 8% less than the previous week and 18% less than the same week last year. The total current year to date dried egg produced were 17% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.83-2.05	MOSTLY 1.87-1.99
YOLKS	1.58-1.75	MOSTLY 1.60-1.69
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.05-3.40	MOSTLY 3.16-3.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.33-1.45	MOSTLY 1.40-1.45

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 30, 2003-JUNE 5, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 91.50								FUTURE LOADS 70.00		TOTAL LOADS 161.50						
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	51.00	53.67	50.25	52.10	48.75	—	11.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	2.00	
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	46.00	41.25	—	6.00	GNR W 2	46.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.50	57.00	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	67.00	69.00	54.96	61.00	8.25	GL W J	—	66.00	—	—	66.50	66.43	7.25	
GL W XL	—	63.00	59.50	62.21	56.24	—	45.50	GL W XL	56.60	58.00	—	—	66.50	67.36	21.00	
GL W LG	—	62.47	51.90	58.78	54.16	55.00	27.75	GL W LG	58.50	60.44	—	—	—	61.82	17.25	
GL W MD	—	50.00	45.00	47.90	44.75	47.00	11.50	GL W MD	42.90	48.00	—	—	—	50.38	4.00	
GL W SM	30.50	32.50	30.31	32.81	—	—	5.00	GL W SM	27.00	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	43.00	44.00	47.67	47.00	66.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	71.00	74.50	.75	
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	36.70	38.60	5.00	GL BR LG	67.00	—	—	—	71.00	74.86	2.75	
NRBS - 39	—	42.00	28.00	30.00	36.70	38.00	9.75	NRBS - 48	43.00	—	—	—	47.00	48.00	8.25	

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION** Removal values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-11	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal costs remained generally unchanged from the past week. Supplies of leghorn fowl easily covered processing needs. Demand was no better than fair. Charges for removal were expected to be steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values were unchanged. Demand was limited and rated as mostly light. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample. Processing schedules were mostly reduced. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.25	10-10.25

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants schedules light to moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** FOR W/E 06-JUN-03  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE  
OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE,  
CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	71.50	68.50	58.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	55.00
MIDWEST	66.00	64.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	72.50	68.50	56.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	70.46	67.76	55.76

**CORRECTION**

\*\*\*Midwest for May 30 should have been 60.00 59.00 53.50\*\*

Corrected Combined regional for May 30 66.34 63.53 55.36\*\*

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY  
REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were mostly unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Trading was very light on heavy canners. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady on both light and heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 23-23.75	30-35 MAJORITY 32.5-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5	31.5-37 MAJORITY 34-35

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 31-May-03  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,369	1,217	2,586
LAST WEEK	1,624	1,463	3,087
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,555	1,132	2,687
TO-DATE/2003	36,688	29,053	65,741
TO-DATE/2002	40,251	28,790	69,041

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	60	6	66
LAST WEEK	58	0	58
SAME WEEK YR AGO	334	0	334
TO-DATE/2003	5,535	74	5,609
TO-DATE/2002	7,031	31	7,062

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,429	1,223	2,652
LAST WEEK	1,682	1,463	3,145
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,889	1,132	3,021
TO-DATE/2003	42,223	29,127	71,350
TO-DATE/2002	47,282	28,821	76,103

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 24, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	463	301	5,678	7,776
Frozen	0	0	63	0
Dried	41	41	217	220
Total	504	342	5,958	7,996

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 24, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	106	163	2,289	2,797
Frozen	42	69	1,524	1,548
Dried	80	122	560	2,134
Total	228	354	4,373	6,479

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 24, 2003		Year-To-Date		
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	15	0	181	1,084
Extra Large	1,040	1,096	6,150	7,208
Large	3,685	4,224	27,436	46,893
Medium	750	900	25,728	20,818
Ungraded	0	9,360	20,046	113,075
Misc	0	0	3,072	12,094
Total	5,490	15,580	82,613	201,172

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)****SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 06/02/03	2,700	219,295	43,194
AM 05/01/03	2,696	190,005	62,870
CHG	4	29290	-19676
PCT CHG	0%	15%	-31%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	16 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	662 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	498 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Down 8 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 144 million dozen during April 2003, down 8 percent from April a year ago.

April 2003 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, the same as April 2002.

During calendar year 2003, shell eggs broken totaled 573 million dozen, down 3 percent from the 590 million dozen broken in 2002. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2003 was 731 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2002.

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 31-May-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.6	20.8	4	18
BOSTON	3.7	3.0	23	-3
CHICAGO	56.2	59.9	-6	24
DETROIT	23.4	31.2	-25	-17
KANSAS CITY	3.7	2.7	37	-65
LOS ANGELES	80.2	86.2	-7	-5
NEW ORLEANS	12.0	11.3	6	15
NEW YORK	32.3	34.4	-6	1
ST. LOUIS	15.7	20.3	-23	23
SAN FRANCISCO	22.1	23.4	-6	0
TOTAL	270.9	293.2	-8	1
4 WK MVG AVG	288.9			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 31-May-2003

**(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	208.6	1	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	537.0	-1	25
W.N. CENTRAL	292.1	1	17
S. ATLANTIC	168.6	-2	13
S. CENTRAL	97.0	5	23
WEST	180.3	-6	-3
TOTAL	1483.6	0	12
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

03-Jun-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	121	115	85	53
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	114-118	108-112	78-82	46-50
MOSTLY	116-117	110-111	80-81	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	120-124	114-118	84-88	52-56
MOSTLY	120	114	84	52
VERMONT	121-124	115-118	85-88	-
MOSTLY	124	118	88	-

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